



## DEAR WINE FRIEND

It is with full hearts, gratefulness and much excitement that we send out the second-last Kanonkop newsletter of 2018. For us at Kanonkop, it has been a year filled with many challenges; from the extreme drought at the beginning of the year and the rollercoaster-riding Rand, to managing the incredible Paul Sauer sales after receiving the 100 points from Tim Atkin. The team at Kanonkop handled all of this yet again proved that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Now, we tackle the last few months of 2018. The Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 will be released this week and according to cellar master, Abrie Beeslaar, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic, elegant wine. Tim Atkin seems to agree with Abrie on this wine, and scored it 94 points! The weather conditions during the 2014 vintage had a significant effect on the wine; rainfall during the season running up to the 2014 vintage was extremely high, with 100mm falling in November (2013 had the 3rd highest rainfall in 48 years). In December, warm and dry winds assisted to dry out the wet conditions, and kept diseases at bay. After this, more rain fell in early January, which meant no irrigation was needed for the vineyards. These unusual and interesting weather conditions delivered an exceptionally well-rounded, elegant and classic Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of blackcurrant, chocolate and cedar are prominent on both the nose and palate.

The Kadette Pinotage 2017 is also available for sale from 2 October 2018. (Also keep an eye out for the Pinotage Black Label 2017 to be released early in November!)

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## THE 2018 ABSA TOP 10 PINOTAGE AWARDS

This year we entered two Kanonkop Pinotages for the **2018 ABSA TOP 10 PINOTAGE AWARDS**. Both wines, namely the Kanonkop Pinotage 2013 and the Kanonkop Pinotage 2015, were chosen for the Top 20.

The Kanonkop Pinotage 2013 was chosen for the Top 10 Award, and Kanonkop Estate made history in notching up a Top 10 win for the 13th year – the only producer to have achieved this!

In 2018, for the second time, producers could enter wines in the Museum-class category. This category is open to wines that are 10 years or older, and the Kanonkop Pinotage 2006 was chosen as a Museum-class trophy winner.

[ABSA TOP 10 PINOTAGE AWARDS](#)



## TIM ATKIN SOUTH AFRICAN WINE REPORT 2018

For our clients and friends, it is probably no new news that the Paul Sauer 2015 received 100 points – the first ever South African wine to receive full marks!

With all the excitement around the Paul Sauer 2015, we almost forgot to share how the rest of our Kanonkop wines scored (which also fared very well!)

Kanonkop Black Label Pinotage	2016	96 POINTS
Kanonkop Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	94 POINTS
Kanonkop Kadette	2016	91 POINTS
Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage	2016	90 POINTS
Kanonkop Paul Sauer	2015	100 POINTS
Kanonkop Pinotage	2016	94 POINTS



## CAPE WINEMAKERS GUILD AUCTION

**26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Kanonkop CWG Paul Sauer 2015 receives the highest price, ever!

The annual CWG Auction took place at Spier this past weekend, and it delivered some exhilarating results. The Kanonkop CWG Paul Sauer 2015 was bought for the highest price ever reached at this auction; R22, 500 per case (R3, 750 per bottle!)

The annual auction raised a total of R10, 539, 760 - with Kanonkop attributing R1, 463, 400 to that total.

## EVENTS



### RMB WineX 2018

24 - 26 October 2018

'RMB WineX takes place from 24 to 26 October at the Sandton Convention Centre. SA's Must-Attend wine event and premiere consumer wine show will again bring an exceptional line-up of premium wine brands to the heart of Jozi: it's Sandtonbosch, really...

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### Stellebosch Cabernet Collective

19 & 20 October 2018

As a first glimpse of the 2017 vintage, the Stellebosch Cabernet Collective is proud to announce the dates of the 2017 Vintage Preview to be held at the historic Langerac Estate in Stellenbosch on the 19th and 20th of October 2018...

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## WINES: CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

### Black Label Pinotage 2016

This wine is drinking beautifully, despite its youth. Great ageing potential.

### Paul Sauer 2014 Magnums - 5 stars Platter guide 2018

The only Paul Sauer available for sale. We are also tasting from our Magnum in the taster room, a great treat for visitors. A beautiful, classic expression of a Bordeaux style wine. Drinking wonderfully but great ageing potential.

### Pinotage 2016

A quintessential Kanonkop Pinotage. Intense nose with layers dark fruit, plum, mulberries, raspberries and spices. Wonderfully complex on the palate, followed by supple, well integrated tannins. Under good storage conditions this wine can mature for at least 10 - 15 years.

### Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 - last of the stock

Full bodied, with deep ruby red colour. This wine from a cold and wet winter is classic in style, with a long dry finish. Exceptional aging potential. A big favourite with guests in our tasting room.

### Kadette Cape Blend 2017

Our hugely popular every occasion wine. A crowd pleaser. Fruit forward with layers of spice and dry, classic tannins on the finish.

### Kadette Pinotage 2017 - newly released

Upfront ripe plum, Christmas cake spice on the nose, followed by full ripe fruit on the palate. Perfect balance between refreshing acidity and tannins. A most exciting food wine. Will be a great pairing with pasta, pizza, curries, Asian food, and Mexican food. And of course, indispensable at a braai!

### Kadette Pinotage Rosè 2018

Beautiful pale salmon skin colour, elegant and refined, bright strawberry and raspberry fruit on the palate, with refreshing acidity on the aftertaste. We've had many very positive comments on the new, updated packaging.

## WINES: VINTAGE WINES

### Pinotage 2008

As per tradition, we release the 2008 vintage at 10 years old in the beginning of 2018. Although it has developed enjoyably, this is still a youthful wine with a long life ahead of it. Great to experience now with any venison, ostrich, beef or cheeses.

### Magnums

Because of the age ability of Magnums, they make a great gift. Especially popular for celebrations, birthdays and in honour of birth years or anniversaries

- Kadette Cape Blend 2016 Magnums
- Pinotage 2013 Magnums
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Magnums
- Paul Sauer 2014 Magnums

### Bigger formats

Please contact us for availability. Limited quantities available.

## WINES: UPCOMING RELEASES

### Black Label Pinotage 2017 - released on 1 October 2018.

A big classic wine. Lots of spice and cassis on the nose, followed by a palate packed with layers of complex fruit. Big structure, satisfyingly dry tannins, lovely balance. A wine to enjoy now or for many more years in the future.

### Black Label Pinotage 2017 - will be released on 1 November 2018

A much anticipated vintage. We hear a lot of promising thing about this vintage, and are excited to share it with you upon release.

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